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In the matter of,	)	Docket No. 11-RPS-01
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Implementation of Renewables	)	NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND
Portfolio Standard Legislation	)	REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
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**Notice of Availability and  
Request for Comments on the  
Staff Draft Report on Including British Columbia Run-of-River Facilities in the California  
Renewables Portfolio Standard  
CEC-300-2013-011-SD**

The *Staff Draft Report on Including British Columbia Run-of-River Facilities in the California Renewables Portfolio Standard* is now available free from the Energy Commission's website at:

[www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/portfolio/documents/index.html)

The report details the Energy Commission's staff findings regarding the potential for run-of-river hydroelectric resources in British Columbia (BC) to be considered eligible for California's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS). Staff is seeking written comments on the findings in the report, after which the report will be finalized and presented for consideration at the Energy Commission's December 13, 2013 Business Meeting.

## Background

In 2002, Senate Bill 1078 (Sher, Chapter 516, Statutes of 2002) initiated the RPS and required retail sellers of electricity to increase the amount of renewable energy they procure annually until 20 percent of their retail sales was from renewable electricity generation by December 31, 2017. In 2006, Senate Bill 107 (Simitian, Chapter 464, Statutes of 2006) accelerated the 20 percent RPS goal to 2010.

On April 12, 2011, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill X1 2 (Simitian, Chapter 1, Statutes of 2011, First Ex. Sess) extending the 20 percent target in 2010 to 33 percent by December 31, 2020. Senate Bill X1 2 also directed the Energy Commission to provide a report to the Legislature that evaluates whether run-of-river hydroelectric generating facilities in BC are, or should be, eligible for the RPS. In the evaluation, the Energy Commission must consider the effect that including these resources as RPS-eligible would have upon:

- Emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases.
- Emissions of air pollutants.
- Water quality, recreation, and fisheries.
- Any other environmental impact caused by run-of-river hydroelectric generating facilities.

Energy Commission staff enlisted the assistance of the Aspen Environmental Group through its technical support contractor, KEMA, to analyze the regulatory requirements for including BC run-of-river facilities in the California RPS. On March 15, 2013, Energy Commission staff released a consultant report prepared by Aspen Environmental Group. This was followed by a public workshop on March 22, 2013. After consideration of oral and written comments from the workshop, staff completed the *Staff Draft Report on Including British Columbia Run-of-River Facilities in the California Renewables Portfolio Standard*, which includes the final consultant report as an appendix.

## **Written Comments**

Written comments on the *Staff Draft Report* should be submitted to the Dockets Office by close of business on November 15, 2013. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding and will be posted on the Energy Commission's website.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and/or your organization's name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number 11-RPS-01 and indicate "BC Hydro Draft Report" in the subject line. Send comments to [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov) and copy Brian McCollough, Project Manager, at [Brian.McCollough@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Brian.McCollough@energy.ca.gov).

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

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